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NETHERLANDS.

Report from Rotterdam.

ROTTERDAM, NETHERLANDS, *July 2, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to make the following report of the transactions of the Service at this port for the week ended June 30, 1900: Six vessels were inspected and received bills of health. The steamship *Statendam*, of the Holland-America Line, sailed on June 28 for New York, carrying 115 cabin and 752 steerage passengers. One case of varicella was detained. Two hundred and eighty-four pieces of baggage were inspected and 48 disinfected and labeled.

The health of this port remains good.

Respectfully, A. R. THOMAS,
Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

NICARAGUA.

Reports from Bluefields—Fruit port.

BLUEFIELDS, NICARAGUA, *June 30, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to submit the following weekly report: Two steamships have been inspected, both bound to New Orleans, the *Utstein* with no passengers, the *Jno. Wilson* with 4 passengers, having 5 pieces of baggage which were disinfected under my supervision. Copies of certificates given to passengers and masters inclosed. Four deaths occurred in Bluefields during the week, 1 infant, native, of convulsions; 2 infants, native, of malarial fever; 1 adult, native, of gunshot wound. The general health and sanitary condition of this port and surrounding country continues satisfactory.

Respectfully, D. W. GOODMAN.
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

BLUEFIELDS, NICARAGUA, *July 4, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to report that, since my last, 2 steamships have been inspected, both for New Orleans—the *Hiram*, with 6 passengers and 9 pieces of baggage; the *Jarl*, with 2 passengers and 2 pieces of baggage. The proper disinfection has been done and certificates given. One death occurred in Bluefields during the week ended June 30—a native male child, of dysentery.

In the last trimester there have been 30 deaths in this port—15 adults and 15 children. The apparent inconsistency of this large death rate (30 per thousand per annum on an estimated population of 4,000), with my repeated reports of the good health of Bluefields and vicinity, can be easily explained. In none of the numerous settlements for miles around this town is there a physician, so when any of the inhabitants thereof become very ill they are brought to Bluefields for medical attention, either in the government's hospital or in private houses; often they are brought in a dying condition, but their deaths are charged up to Bluefields.